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MINING LAWS.

Laws of Lost Mining District

Deadwood Gulch.

BLACK HILLS, D. T., }
Dec. 2nd, 1875. }

At a miners' meeting held this 23d day of December, 1875, the following laws were made for the government of miners in this district. Daniel G. Chesum, Chairman, Wm. Lardner, Secretary.

Sec. 1. That this district shall be known as the Lost District, and shall extend from the headwaters of Deadwood creek to its mouth.

Sec. 2. That each man shall be entitled to 300 feet of a claim extending up and down the creek, and from second rim to second rim, including the second rim.

Sec. 3. All persons shall have the right to cut a drain ditch through any adjoining claims. But, in no case shall interfere with any improvements on said claims.

Sec. 4. No person shall be allowed to empty his tailings on the claim of another without the written permission of the party owning the claim.

Sec. 5. There should be no water right granted to anyone in this district.

Sec. 6. All claims in this district shall be laid over until the 1st day of May, 1876, or until thirty days after the country is thrown open for settlement.

Sec. 7. All claims must be represented every ten days by one day's labor.

Sec. 8. When two or more persons are associated together as a company, one member of said company can represent all of the company's claims.

Sec. 9. The recorder shall be allowed a fee of $1 50 for recording each claim.

Sec. 10. It shall be the duty of the recorder to call all miners meetings and to post up in at least three conspicuous places, at least five days before the meeting, a notice of the same.

Sec. 11. There can be called a meeting of the miners of this district at the written request of five claim holders.

Sec. 12. Every person shall be compelled to turn the water into its natural channel at the lower end of his claim.

Sec. 13. Each discovery party shall be allowed a discovery claim of three hundred feet.

Sec. 14. It shall be the duty of the recorder not to record any claim unless the locator appear in person.

Sec. 15. No claim shall be recorded without first having been measured staked and numbered by the recorder.

At a miners' meeting in this district on 12th January, 1876, the following additional laws were passed. Wm. Trayner, Chairman, P. W. Cudney, Secretary.

Sec. 16. All claims must be recorded four days after location, except held by possession.

Sec. 17. This district includes Deadwood creek and all its tributaries.

Sec. 18. A claim includes all ground thirty feet above water level.

Sec. 19. Hill claims can be held and recorded in this district.

Sec. 20. All claims must be represented on 1st of May, 1876.

Sec. 21. No man shall vote in this district unless a claim holder.

Sec. 22. All claims shall be represented every seven days by one day's labor.

At a miners' meeting held on March 28th, 1876, in Deadwood Gulch, Lost District, the following additional laws and resolutions were passed. E. D. Egan, Chairman, Wm. Lardner, Secretary.

Sec. 23. That representation day be changed from the 1st day of May, 1876, in Lost District, to the 15th day of May, 1876.

Sec. 24. It takes a majority of two-thirds of the claim-holders of this district to make any new laws, or to make any amendment to any of the laws of this district.

Sec. 25. That law be so amended in this district as to read. That the boundary of any of the tributaries of Deadwood Gulch shall not extend further than the first raise of the rim-rock on Deadwood Gulch.

Sec. 26. All difficulties that are not proper to come before a miners' meeting shall be settled by arbitration.

Sec. 27. The recorder's books shall be a true record, and shall show all legal transfers of mining ground.

At a miners' meeting held in this Lost District, August 19th, 1876, at which Wm. M. Foster was elected President, and George W. Flowers Secretary, the following laws and amendments were adopted.

Sec. 28. That section 24 be amended so as to read. It takes two-thirds of a majority of voting claim-holders assembled to frame any new laws or make any amendment to any of the laws of this district.

Sec. 29. Any claim or claims that are not workable on account of no water can be laid over until the 1st day of May, 1877. On presentation of a certificate that such is the case, to the recorder, signed by five miners of the district. The recorder's fees for laying over each claim shall be fifty cents.

Sec. 30. At a miners' meeting held at the recorder's office, Nov. 13th, 1876, pursuant to a general notice, at which Mr. Wisner was elected Chairman, and Ed. Kearny Secretary, on motion all placer mining claims in Lost District were laid over until May 1st, 1877.

At a miners' meeting held in accordance with the laws of Lost District, in the office of the recorder, on placer claim No. 4 above Discovery, in Deadwood Gulch, Lawrence Co., D. T., on the first day of October, A. D. 1877, the following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That all claims in Lost District be laid over until the first day of May, A. D. 1878. H. Hulm, Chairman, J. B. Carr, Secretary.

TERRITORY OF DAKOTA, County of Lawrence, Lost Mining District, ss.

I, James Carr, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I am deputy Recorder of Lost Mining District, Lawrence county, D. T., that the above and foregoing are true and correct transcripts of all the laws of Lost Mining District, as they appear on file in the office of the Lost Mining District.

Dated this [illegible] day of [illegible] A. D., 187[illegible]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this [illegible] day of [illegible] A. D. 187[illegible]

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Notary Public.